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From Buffalo to Boston: Olmsted's Evolving Vision of Urban Park Systems

A lecture by Francis R. Kowsky, PhD, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts Emeritus and author of the book *The Best Planned City in the World: Olmsted, Vaux, and the Buffalo Park System* (Library of American Landscape History and University of Massachusetts, 2012)

Beginning in 1868, Fredrick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux planned the first metropolitan park system in America for Buffalo, New York. They designed three distinct parks linked by "parkways," majestic, tree-canopied boulevards that were linear parks in themselves. Displaying a map of Buffalo at the Paris Exhibition in 1878, Olmsted called it the best planned city in the world. That same year, he began to apply the concept he had pioneered in Buffalo to the Boston metropolitan area. Here, he planned six parks stretching from the Charles River to the harbor, a remarkable chain of green spaces known today as the Emerald Necklace.

November 21, 2013

Reception and book signing 6:00 PM; Lecture 7:00 PM

Wheelock College

43 Hawes Street, Brookline, MA

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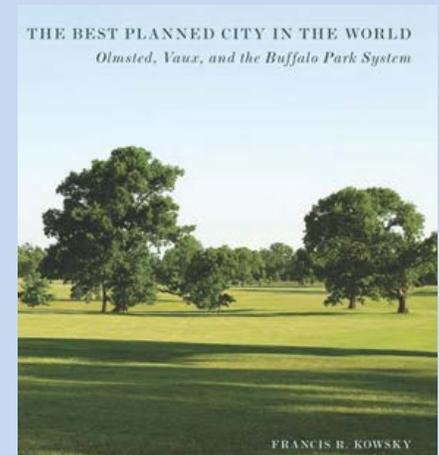
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